

REMARKS

Support for claims 18 and 25 is found in claim 5 as originally presented. Support for claims 19-24 and 26-31 is found in claims 7-12 and 16 as originally presented.

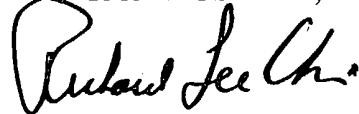
Upon entry of this amendment claims 3, 7-10, 12, 16 and 18-31 will now be active in this application.

The present application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/895,395 filed on July 2, 2001, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/086,560 filed on May 29, 1998, now U.S. 6,262,042, and is directed to steroid compounds and methods using same. In addition, the present claims are subgeneric to claims 2, 3 and 5-9 of issued U.S. 6,262,042.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for examination on the
merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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